

SYN NO. ____

AGN NO. ____

MOTION BY SUPERVISORS BURKE AND KNABE

August 24, 2004

The Los Angeles International Airport currently operates pursuant to a variance from the California Noise Standards because its noise impact area exceeds the State standards for noise levels in the vicinity of the airport. LAX has operated under variances since 1972, when this Board officially designated it as an airport having a noise problem. LAX's current variance is set to expire, and the California Department of Transportation will be holding a hearing on the airport's request for a new variance in November 2004. The hearing will focus on the economic and technological feasibility of LAX complying with the noise standards, the noise impact should the variance be granted, the value to the public of the services provided by LAX, and whether LAX has taken good-faith measures to the best of its ability to achieve the airport noise standards. It is anticipated that the hearing will take three weeks.

The County has a vested interest in whether or not LAX is issued a variance and the terms and conditions under which any variance might be issued inasmuch as: the County is the regulatory agency charged with monitoring the airport's compliance with noise standards;

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unincorporated communities adjacent to LAX are impacted by airport noise; these communities are the intended beneficiaries of LAX's noise mitigation programs; and the safe and efficient operation of LAX is of great interest to the County as a whole,

WE, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT THE BOARD: Instruct the County Counsel to intervene on behalf of the County as a participant in the variance hearing, and that the Chief Administrative Office coordinate the involvement of appropriate County departments, including Public Works, Regional Planning, Health Services and County Counsel, as appropriate, in participating in this hearing, with a report back to this Board as to the outcome.